

F-7-85

George Montgomery Tenant House  
Urbana vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1885-1900

The two-story frame house was built about 1885-1900, probably by George Montgomery, the 1885 purchaser of a larger farm property which had been in the Montgomery family since the late 18th century. The house is a vernacular, German-influenced type that is commonly built in the late 19th century throughout Frederick County. It has german siding and a slate roof, a one-story porch, and a two-story rear wing with an enclosed two-story porch on the east side. Two deteriorated frame agricultural outbuildings, a wagon shed/corn crib and a shed, are also associated with the house. The property is still owned by a Montgomery descendant.

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Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Agriculture/subsistence/agricultural outbuilding

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE   yes   x no**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic George Montgomery Tenant House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street &amp; number 8910 Ball Road

   not for publication

city, town Urbana

  x vicinity of

congressional district 6th

state Maryland

county Frederick

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  </u> x occupied	<u>  </u> x agriculture	<u>  </u> museum
<u>  </u> x building(s)	<u>  </u> x private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial	<u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational	<u>  </u> x private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment	<u>  </u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> x yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government	<u>  </u> scientific
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial	<u>  </u> transportation
	<u>  </u> x not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military	<u>  </u> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name David R. and Marcia B. Montgomery

street &amp; number 7604 Marker Road

telephone no.:

city, town Middletown

state and zip code MD 21769

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse

liber 1089

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street

folio 208

city, town Frederick

state MD 21701

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date

   federal    state    county    local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

Survey No. F-7-85

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 3

The George Montgomery Tenant House is a two-story frame dwelling built about 1885-1900 on the north side of Ball Road about two miles north of Urbana, Frederick County, Maryland. Two contributing agricultural outbuildings are associated with the house, a frame wagon shed/corn crib and a frame shed, both in deteriorated condition. A non-contributing concrete block smokehouse is also in the building group. The house and outbuildings are a tenant property historically associated with the Montgomery farm at 9120 Ball Road. Dates of the buildings in the tenant building group are based on architectural details and historical maps.

The dwelling is located on a hill rising above the road with its principal elevation facing south. The facade has three bays on the first story and two on the second. German siding covers the exterior and the roof is slate. An interior end chimney is on the west gable end. A one-story porch with a concrete block base and deck extends across the south elevation. A two-story rear wing projects from the northeast corner of the house. The windows are 2/2 with louvred shutters. The center entry has a glazed panel door. The gable ends have a single bay on each story. The wing has a one-story porch on the west side. Part of the rear wing on the east is covered with vertical board siding, suggesting the probability of an enclosure of an original two-story porch. A one-story shed addition adjoins the enclosed porch on the east side. An interior chimney is at the junction between the wing and the main section. The roof of the wing is covered with composition material. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The frame wagon shed/corn crib is in deteriorated condition. It appears to have been built about the same period as the house, approximately 1885-1900. It has vertical siding and stone piers support the cribs on the sides. The passage is off-center, and the east side crib is larger than the west, a feature suggesting that two types of grain were stored in the bins. Other granary sheds of this type usually held wheat in the larger crib and corn in the smaller one. The west side crib has vented horizontal siding and the eastern crib has flush vertical siding, which supports the dual granary use. The roof is corrugated metal.

Shed: The frame agricultural shed is located north of the wagon shed and is also in deteriorated condition. It has vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof. An opening on the north gable end is the only access to the interior. The shed is currently in use as a cow shed.

## 8. Significance

Survey No. F-7-85

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** C. 1885-1900 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The George Montgomery Tenant House is minimally significant for its architecture, a vernacular style based on German building traditions of the 18th and 19th century. The house was probably built about 1885-1900, based on its absence from the 1873 Titus Atlas map. The larger farm property on which it is located has been owned by the Montgomery family since the late 18th century, although its acreage and boundary outlines changed with several transactions throughout the 19th century and the section on which the tenant house is located may be part of a later purchase. In 1885, George W. Montgomery received a portion of the property as a result of an equity sale and it is probable that the tenant house was erected by him after this purchase.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-7-85

Land Records of Frederick County

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3 acresQuadrangle name Urbana, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA 

Zone	Easting				Northing				

B 

Zone	Easting				Northing				

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 3 acres centered on the tenant house on Tax Map 87, Parcel 201.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date December 1993street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

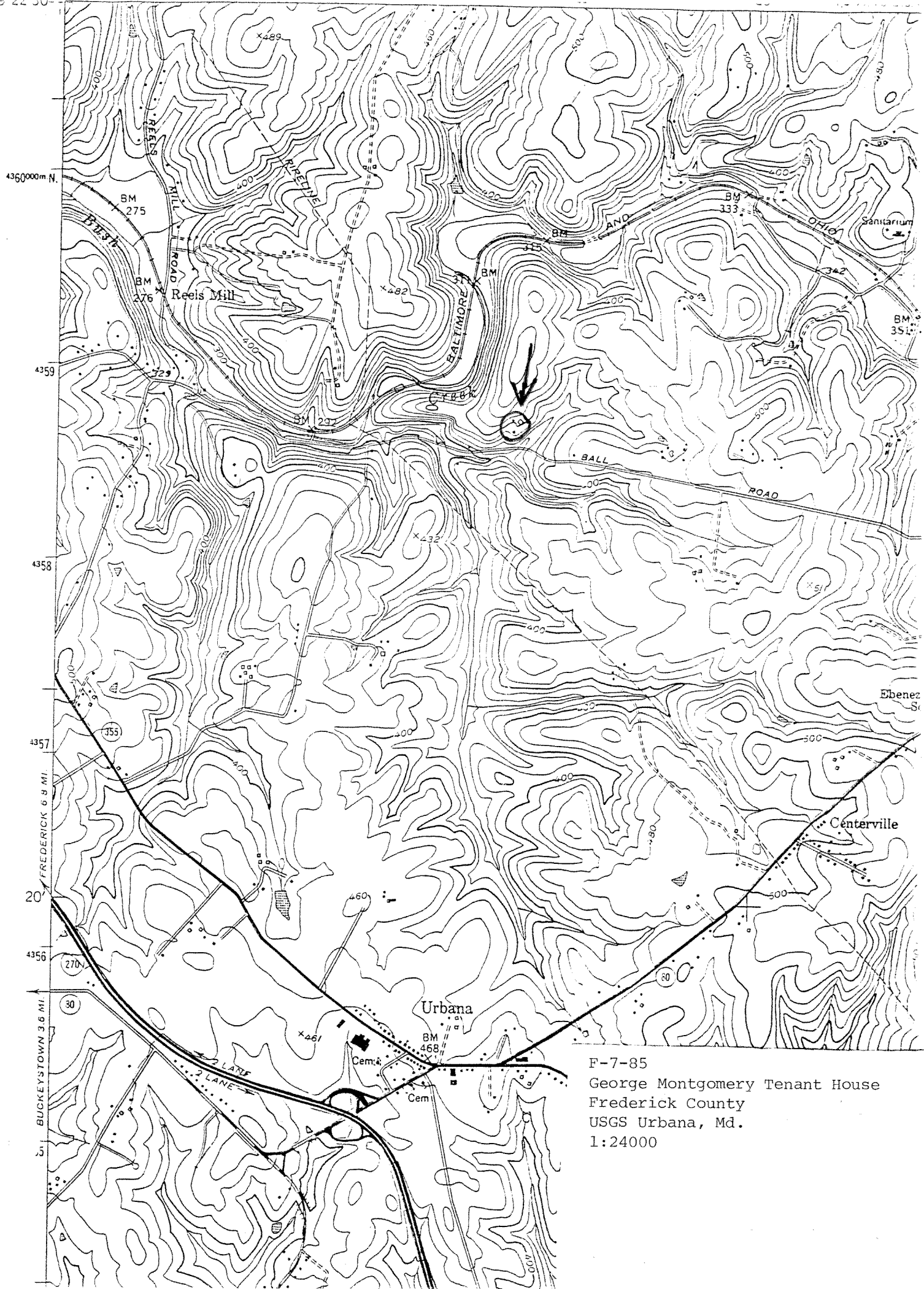
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(301) 269-2438

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
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~~4230 B~~ ~~Singerland~~  
8.10 Ball Rd.

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
10 89/208 2 Jul 79	David R. + Mauria B. Montgomery	J. Raynor, Pauline D. + David R. Montgomery	P. 1: 36 A., 26 p. AF 11/335 exp. 1048/279 Plat Book 17/98 P. 2: 74 A., 2 R., 19.6 p. AF 5/100 exp. 1029/772 exp. 966/73	
966/666 7 Aug 75	J. Raynor, Pauline D., + David R. Montgomery	J. Raynor Montgomery	P. 1 + 2	
Will Road JH 11/126 30 Sept 36	Osadore Raynor Montgomery + Wm. M. Montgomery	George M. Montgomery		
P. 1; AF 11/335 19 Sept 1885	George M. Montgomery	Millard F. + Edwina C. Montgomery	part of "Altogether", part surveyed + divided by R. A. Royer about 1881, distinguished as Lot No. 2, obtained by Millard F. Mont- gomery from Charles M. Ross + J. C. Motter, trustees AF 2/228 Equity 4512	\$542
AF 2/228 31 Jul 1880	Millard F. Montgomery	Charles M. Ross + J. C. Motter, trustees	Equity 4512 barn 2 1/2 miles from Gainsville, 2 1/2 miles from Gambrell's Mill, devised by L. W. + T. of John Montgomery to his son Colonel John Montgomery, dec., 258 A., described indeed from Joshua Johnson to John Mont- gomery 14 Dec 1843	\$1,082
P. 2: AF 5/100 8 Apr 1882	John George M. Montgomery	Millard F. Montgomery	part of "Altogether" 74 A., 2 R. 19.6 p.	
AF 2/228 31 Jul 1880	Millard F. Montgomery	Charles M. Ross + J. C. Motter, trustees		
Equity Record AF 2/89				



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